

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
Washington D.C.

**MEETING: DIRECTOR GENERAL NANCY HAMZAWI ON CANADA'S G7  
CLIMATE CHANGE, OCEANS, AND CLEAN GROWTH THEME**

**DATE:** Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 2018

**LOCATION:** Executive Conf. Rm., #31204

**TIME:** 1:00 - 2:00

**FROM:** Hodayah Finman and Brianna Besch

**I. PURPOSE**

Canada holds the 2018 G7 presidency and announced that it envisions overarching themes rather than ministerial work streams during its tenure. One of these themes is "Climate Change, Oceans, and Clean Energy." The Environment, Energy and Oceans meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 8-10 in Halifax with consecutive energy, ocean and environment ministerials, possibly with some overlapping sessions. Ms. Hamzawi, the Director General of the G7 Task Team at Environment and Climate Change Canada, asked to meet with you and this is an opportunity to find out additional information about this unique format and Canada's plans for the environment ministerial.

**II. PARTICIPANTS**

EPA Participants

YOU

Walker Smith

Mark Kasman

Hodayah Finman

Canadian Participants

Nancy Hamzawi

Duncan Stewart

Martin Loken

**III. BACKGROUND**

Canada assumed the 2018 G7 Presidency after Italy's 2017 presidency. They will host the G7 Leaders' Summit in the Charlevoix region of Quebec from June 8-9, 2018, after all of the ministerial meetings. They have outlined five themes of their presidency:

- Investing in growth that works for everyone
- Preparing for jobs of the future
- Advancing gender equality and women's empowerment
- Working together on climate change, oceans and clean energy
- Building a more peaceful and secure world

In a Sherpa meeting note for the climate change, oceans and clean energy theme Canada identified four priorities:

1. Accelerate action on climate change and clean growth
2. Build secure and resilient coastal communities, economics and infrastructure
3. Support the health and productivity of the world's oceans
4. Advance clean energy and innovation

Expected outcomes and possible deliverables listed under the ocean priority include the potential development of a "G7 Plastics Charter," in addition to supporting marine litter conservation efforts, building on the 2015 G7 Action Plan to Combat Marine Litter, and pursuing sustainable marine and coastal growth including though low-impact marine corridors and sustainable shipping to protect the environment and local ecology as well as strategies for offshore energy development in sensitive areas. The coastal communities priority includes supporting sustainable and resilient infrastructure in coastal communities and exploring innovative financing to support small island developing states and least developed countries.

At the World Economic Forum in Davos Prime Minister Trudeau announced that Melinda Gates and Isabelle Hudon will co-chair the G7 Gender Advisory Council. Canada has identified gender equality as a theme that will run through all of the G7 activities and outcomes.

#### **IV. AGENDA**

- Introductions
- Overview of EPA's involvement in the G7 process in previous years
- Overview of Canada's proposed format for the 2018 G7 environment related topics
- General discussion

#### **V. ATTACHMENTS**

1. Talking Points
2. Bio of Participants
3. Canada Sherpa Meeting Issue Note

**EPA Staff Contacts:** Hodayah Finman

## **Attachment 1: TALKING POINTS/QUESTIONS**

- It is nice to meet you and congratulations on your new position as Director General of Environment and Climate Change Canada's G7 Task Team.
- EPA felt that Italy's 2017 G7 Environment Ministers meeting was highly productive and we look forward to continue to work on environment issues under Canada's presidency.
- We understand that Canada has proposed a new format for environmental related topics in the 2018 G7, we would appreciate any additional detail you could provide on how the Environment, Energy and Oceans Ministerial would run. Have the dates been finalized?
- We were pleased to see issues such as marine litter and resource efficiency in the materials prepared for Sherpas (see attachment). Which other topics do you anticipate being part of the Environment Ministers discussion?
- How do you envision developing the outcome document, which we understand would be a Chair's Summary?
- One aspect of the 2017 G7 Environment Ministers Meeting that EPA found particularly useful was the engagement of the private sector and academia. How does Canada plan to include these stakeholders in the 2018 G7 process?
- Another topic that EPA has been engaged in is marine litter, as a key theme of the 2017 G7 Environment Ministers Meeting. The Sherpa Meeting Issue Note includes the potential development of a "G7 Plastics Charter," in addition to work building on the 2015 G7 Action Plan to Combat Marine Litter. What topics do you foresee the Charter including and what type of process would be used to develop it?
- We were pleased to see resilient infrastructure for coastal communities as one priority area for Canada. What specifically do you envision as the focus of that discussion? The outcome?
- Will the discussion of Marine Protected Areas in the Oceans Ministerial also address Emission Control Areas (ECAs) and other forms of protected areas created pursuant to the MARPOL Convention? MARPOL promotes international cooperation to reduce the risk of shipping-related oil spills, discharges of garbage and sewage, and emissions of air pollution, e.g. through the establishment of an ECA. MARPOL-designated zones of this type provide benefits such as ecosystem protection and coastal resilience.

## **Attachment 2: Bio of Nancy Hamzawi**

Nancy is currently the Director General, G7 Task Team at Environment and Climate Change Canada. Previously, she held various positions at Environment Canada in the Corporate Secretariat, Environmental Stewardship Branch, International Affairs Branch and Policy and Communications Branch. She has also held positions at the former Canadian International Development Agency, the former Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the former Industry Canada and the National Research Council Canada.



She brings a wealth of international experience to this role. In 2010, as part of her responsibilities as Executive Director, Ecosystem and Biodiversity Priorities, she led the Canadian negotiating team for the Convention on Biological Diversity that established the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, as well as the Nagoya Protocol. Nancy first joined ECCC in 2004 as Director, International Policy and Cooperation, assuming responsibility for multilateral affairs and bilateral relations outside of the Americas until 2010. At the Canadian International Development Agenda, in 2002, she led the Agency's engagement in the World Summit on Sustainable Development, as well as the environment and development dimensions of Canada's G7 Presidency in 2002.

Nancy holds a Masters and a Bachelors degree in Chemical Engineering as well as a Bachelors degree in Biochemistry, all from the University of Ottawa.